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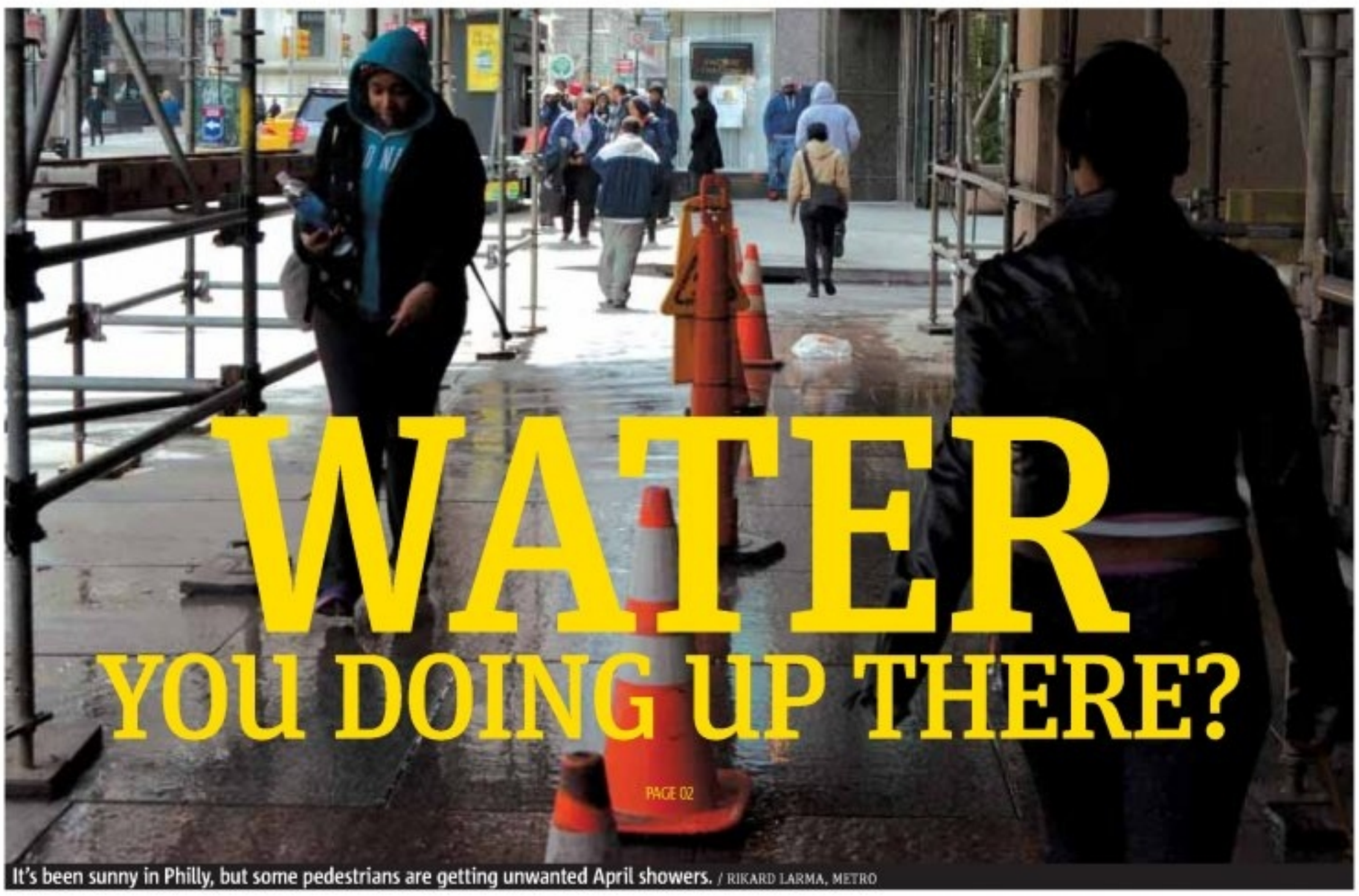

WATER YOU DOING UP THERE?

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It's been sunny in Philly, but some pedestrians are getting unwanted April showers. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Made in America is back

Jay-Z and friends will return to town. Lineup announced soon. PAGE 02

The OC: More than a TV show

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Local news

Digital privacy in peril?

The state House yesterday passed a bill allowing prosecutors to get personal information directly from Internet providers without court oversight. The ACLU of Pennsylvania in a tweet simply referred to the measure as #FAIL.

Local tweet

"Americans are free people. Jay-z & Beyonce are free to go"

@chakafattah, U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah, on the couple's anniversary trip to Cuba that led some Congress members to call for a probe

The dripping water starts up high. / RIKARD LARMA

Dirty water dripping on pedestrians

Gross. As workers repair the outside of the Centre Square skyscrapers, dirty water leaks onto the pedestrians below.

Don't wear your Sunday best downtown.

Dirty water is raining down on South 15th Street.

Workers are restoring the outside of Centre Square, two concrete skyscrapers at 15th and Market streets, and spilling contaminated water onto pedestrians below.

"We don't appreciate it," said Glenn Miller, who sells hats, clothes and accessories just outside the scaffolding.

The water also sprays, reaching the subway station, the largest transportation hub in the city. And with construction underway on Dilworth Plaza, pedestrians are limited in their choice of walkways.

"Sometimes I have to put everything back in the bag, you know," Miller said, pointing to brown puddles.

To restore the facade, workers are removing and replacing concrete pieces.

The workers pressure-wash loose dirt and gunk off the building. It mixes with the water and drips down onto the scaffolding and people below.

Centre Square security guard Harry Burkhardt said he's been with the company since November, but has heard "they've been at it for a few years," he said. He anticipates it taking a few more to finish.

Lisa Livingston, REIT Management property manager for the building, did not return calls for comment.

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"Sometimes I have to put everything back in the bag, you know?"

GLENN MILLER, WHO SELLS HATS AND T-SHIRTS JUST OUTSIDE THE SCAFFOLDING

Analysis

Falling water is 'nasty stuff'

Jeff Tittel, director of New Jersey's Sierra Club and who specializes in water issues all over the country, said there are a variety of environmental and health issues at hand.

The Sierra Club is a nonprofit environmental organization.

"There are bird droppings and chemicals, dirt. You also have air pollutants that adhere to the glass, even oil, so it's pretty nasty stuff," he said.

Tittel said a water collection system should be installed.

"We forget that for whatever we do, there may be environmental impacts," Tittel said.

"When you're cleaning a high-rise building and there's a lot of dirt and pollution in that water, it can impact people," he added.

Politics. Sen. Pat Toomey may be the key to gun-law reform

Advocates are meeting today outside Sen. Pat Toomey's office and calling on him to support a bill requiring background checks for all gun sales.

"The last couple of days, it came out he may be having meetings with his Democrat colleagues forming a [gun-law] package that could get bipartisan support," CeaseFirePA director Shira Goodman said yesterday, adding that she's "optimistic" such a deal can be reached. "I'm hopeful tomorrow morning, instead of asking Sen. Toomey to do something, I'll be able thank him." METRO

Jay-Z will return. / GETTY

Summer. 'Made in America' concert is returning to Philly

The Budweiser Made in America concert, which last year drew nearly 75,000 fans to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, is returning this Labor Day weekend, a spokesman with Live Nation confirmed yesterday. More information is expected Wednesday.

Last year's two-day concert was headlined by Pearl Jam and curator Jay-Z, who yesterday released a promotional video on YouTube announcing the concert's return to Philadelphia.

The show will run Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

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Free rides? SEPTA changes policy on fare collection rules

Good news: If you can't pay the fare on SEPTA buses or trolleys, operators will let you ride for free.

But don't expect to abuse the courtesy, SEPTA warned.

A memo obtained by Metro that was sent to SEPTA employees two weeks ago instructed operators not to question fares.

"Passengers unable or unwilling to pay the fare shall be permitted to ride," the letter read. "Employees must document the nonpayment of fare."

The old policy said employees "must attempt to collect or examine the required fare," and if not, collect the name and address of the passenger. If no fare, address or name is submitted, the prospective passenger was not entitled to ride.

The drivers, however, were instructed to avoid confrontation.

The new rule, which tells drivers to document the time and date of the missed fare, is meant to cut down on operator assaults, SEPTA spokeswoman Jerri Williams said.

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Fare is fair

About eight operators were physically assaulted from Jan. 2 to April 3, stats show.

- A SEPTA employee said free rides were an unwritten rule. "But now it's in writing."
- Williams said they'll fight those trying to "get one over on SEPTA."

City remembers veteran firefighter

City flags will for 30 days fly at half-staff in remembrance of Capt. Michael Goodwin, 53, who was killed in the line of duty Saturday night. Capt. Goodwin's funeral is set for noon Thursday at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 2139 E. Cumberland St. He will be buried at Hillside Cemetery in Roslyn, Pa. His family is asking that in lieu of flowers, mourners send contributions to the Firefighters Widow Fund. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Rescue

Stuck in the mud

A teen on Sunday became stuck in waist-deep mud at Nescopeck State Park, according to a report from The Citizens Voice. A park ranger said the teen had to be pulled out by six firefighters who stabilized themselves with a ladder and boards.
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Crime

Murder victims ID'd

Police yesterday identified two weekend homicide victims as Tyrone Rosser, 36, and Malisha Jessie, 30. Rosser was slain Saturday on the 700 block of West Venango Street and Jessie was found Sunday morning on the 3200 block of Bailey Street.
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Dr. Weiss event promotes breast cancer education

Education. Marisa Weiss is a leading local oncologist and founder of popular website Breastcancer.org.

Women's clothier Joan Shepp and Breastcancer.org have teamed up to present the 10 event Wednesday from 5-8 p.m.

The free event combines breast cancer education with fashion and cocktails.

Breastcancer.org, a leading breast cancer education and awareness website, was founded by Dr. Marisa Weiss, a local oncologist at Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood. Weiss is also a breast cancer survivor herself.

The event is named 10 because 10 percent of breast cancers can be attributed to known inherited genes. At the event, Weiss will provide 10 tips to reduce your risk of getting breast cancer.

Joan Shepp will donate 10 percent of the proceeds to Breastcancer.org.

Weiss' tips for Metro readers: "Limit alcohol consumption. It's best to reduce consumption to five or fewer drinks per week. The risk of breast cancer increases with the amount of alcohol consumed."

Also: "Keeping to a healthy weight is mandatory for breast cancer risk reduction."

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"Girls who stay at a healthy weight are less likely to have early puberty and more likely to maintain healthy habits as adults."
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Are sunny days here again to stay?

Two women pass in front of the Shanghai Bazaar in Chinatown as temperatures in Philadelphia hit 70 Monday. The next few days call for similar temperatures; however, rain is slated to come through, dampening our hopes that sunny days are finally here to stay. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Busted

Six arrested in Montco raid

Authorities in Montgomery County arrested six people after a wiretap investigation of reputed drug dealer Ryan Gavlick, who goes by the alias "Paul Wall," allegedly revealed a marijuana trafficking ring. METRO

Campaign

Schwartz joins gov's race

U.S. Rep. Allyson Schwartz yesterday filed campaign paperwork in Harrisburg marking the official start of her run for governor of Pennsylvania. She's expected to face numerous challengers in the primaries. METRO

Protest

Security guards rally

Philadelphia University officers will rally today against employer McGinn Security for what they're calling wage theft. Protesters plan to shut down the intersection of Schoolhouse Lane and Henry Avenue, risking arrest. METRO

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Aviation study. United Airlines had the highest complaint rate.

Virgin America did the best job of flying customers last year, while United Airlines was the worst — though passengers experienced overall better performance, a study showed.

The performance of the 14 leading carriers in 2012 was about the same as the best year ever in 2011, according to the 23rd annual national Airline Quality Rating, which ranks airlines based on U.S. Department of Transportation figures.

The industry improved in two of four areas: on-time performance and baggage handling. Involuntary denied boardings and customer complaint rates were higher, the study said.

Virgin America had the best baggage-handling rate, 0.87 mishandled bags per 1,000 passengers. / GETTY IMAGES

Distracted pilot

Texting linked to plane crash

An emergency medical helicopter pilot flying over Missouri was sending and receiving text messages before crashing in 2011, the first time such distractions have been implicated in a fatal commercial aviation accident.

The NTSB, which meets today to assign a cause for the accident that killed four people including a patient, documented seven texts sent and received by the pilot, according to agency records. REUTERS

Energy, environment. Obama's picks face grilling this week

President Barack Obama's picks to lead energy and environmental policy face scrutiny this week as Senate panels try to tease out details of the administration's agenda, which had been maligned by Republicans and some Democrats during Obama's first four years.

Both nominees are Massachusetts natives with Washington experience. Nuclear physicist Ernest Moniz, Obama's nominee for energy secretary, will appear before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on today.

On Thursday, Gina McCarthy, the Environmental Protection Agency's top air quality official since 2009, will sit before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in her effort to succeed Lisa Jackson as EPA administrator. REUTERS

MIT scientist Ernest Moniz, left, is to head the Energy Department, while Gina McCarthy is to run the EPA . / GETTY IMAGES

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‘Iron Lady’ Margaret Thatcher dead at 87

Long-term rule. Thatcher led her party to three election victories, governing from 1979 to 1990.

Margaret Thatcher, the “Iron Lady” who transformed Britain and inspired conservatives around the world by radically rolling back the state during her 11 years in power, died yesterday following a stroke. She was 87.

A grocer’s daughter with a steely resolve, she was loved and loathed in equal measure as she crushed trade unions, privatized vast swathes of British industry, clashed with allies in the European economic bloc and fought a distant and improbable war to recover the Falkland Islands from Argentinian invaders.

She struck up a close relationship with U.S. President Ronald Reagan in the Cold War, backed President George H.W. Bush during the 1991 Gulf War and declared that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was a man she could “do business with.”

“Very few leaders get to change not only the political landscape of their country but of the world. Margaret was such a leader. Her global impact was vast,” said Tony Blair, whose term as Labour prime minister from 1997 to 2007, he acknowledged, owed a debt to the former leader of his conservative opponents.

Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron cut short a visit to Europe to return to Britain after the death was announced and British flags on government buildings and royal palaces across London were lowered to half staff.

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“Some of the changes she made in Britain were, in certain respects at least, retained by the 1997 Labour government, and came to be implemented by governments around the world.”

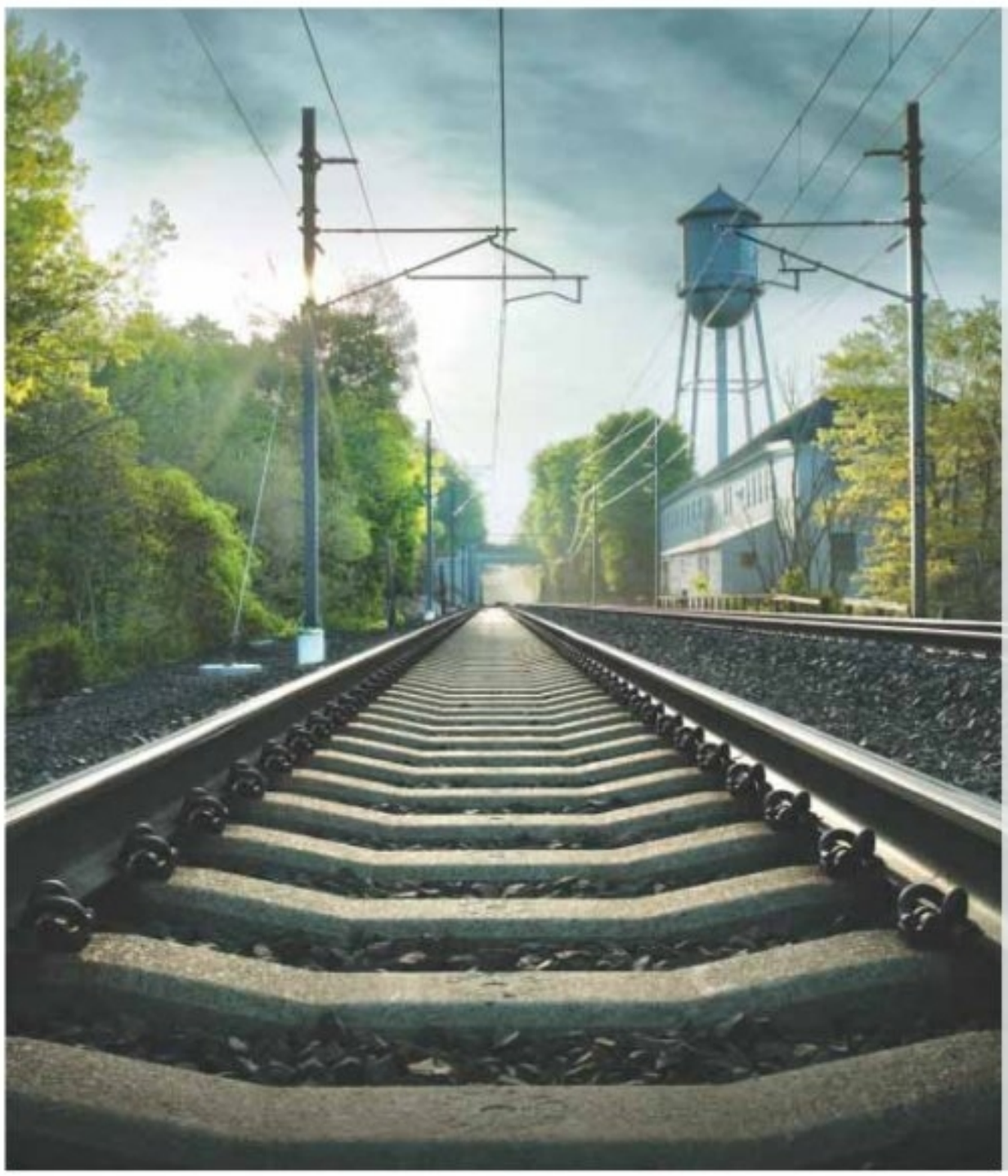
Tony Blair

The former premier died peacefully yesterday morning at the Ritz Hotel after a stroke / GETTY IMAGES

Margaret Thatcher

5 things we’ll remember

- **Britain’s first female prime minister.** Margaret Thatcher, when elected in 1979, became Britain’s first and so far only female prime minister.
- **She wasn’t called ‘the Iron Lady’ for nothing.** Shaped by a hard-line political and economic stance, she slashed social spending and introduced a widely unpopular “poll tax.”
- **The queen of the 1980s.** She had a fondness for the private sector, deregulation and big missiles.
- **No sleep, no problem.** Thatcher famously said while in power she could get by on just four hours a night.
- **‘Power dressing’ personified.** She had a helmet of deep strawberry hair and carried her famous handbag.



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Philadelphia University students pose with their Indian business school collaborators at the Indian snack company Haldiram's.
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Philadelphia students have a taste of India

Education. Philly University students travel to Mumbai and Delhi to collaborate.

Three Philadelphia University students are continuing to explore new opportunities for food system business models in Philadelphia and India following a six-day trip to Delhi and Mumbai. Students Myeshia Townsend, Andrienne Remener and Julianne Allman, accompanied by associate professor Natalie Nixon, collaborated with six students at ERA Business School in Delhi and four students at Welingkar College in Mumbai to research, interview experts and observe the Indian manufacturing and street food systems. The trip was part of a course called Opportunity Finding in Emerging Markets.

The students are now in the discovery phase of the project, collaborating with students in India via Skype and Google Hangouts. On their trip, their research led them to discover "pain points," or problems, with the food systems, which will inform projects for proposed business opportunities.

While in Delhi, the students visited Haldiram's, a major Indian snack-food company, talked to employees and interviewed the director of quality control. They learned how the company evolved from a small business to a large-scale sweets and snacks manufacturer.

The students also conducted ethnographic observations at two open-air markets to learn about

Methods

Do the research

Nixon explains that students used ethnography and design thinking for their projects.

"This style of understanding business opportunity by using ethnography [and] design thinking is something that is becoming more relevant. We saw that there are majors in India at some of the schools that utilize a more integrated approach — qualitative and quantitative research," she says.

Students learn how Haldiram's became an international business from the company's V.P. of quality control. / PROVIDED

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PhilaU MBA students get a ride around town in a rickshaw. / REMENER

how people access their food. "India is known for having one of the most ancient forms of commerce — the bazaar — and so they saw the diversity of products that were out there," says Nixon.

Allman was surprised to see how familiar some things were on their trip. "I didn't realize it was more of a food court-style system, like we would see here in the United States at malls," she says.

In Mumbai, the students focused on the dabbawallah system, where bicycle riders transport homemade lunches from their spouses to workers at their jobs, then deliver the lunchboxes back to the customers' homes. Students interviewed the head of the dabbawallah association and visited three customers. Bicycle riders apply to become part of the dabbawallah association and own a stake in the company.

Remener was interested in the importance of home-cooking in India. "Here in the U.S., people focus a lot less on home-cooking. So if that existed in the U.S., it would probably be like a restaurant-delivery system, which we already have," she says.

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The balancing act: 6 tips for working students

Balancing the school/work lifestyle can be tricky – especially if you are also involved in extracurricular activities or volunteer work. Finding the time do everything while still maintaining a good GPA can be possible if you follow these tips. LEAH RUEHLICKE

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1 Have a schedule

Everyone has their own strategies for success. Some students wake up early and get a few hours of essay-pounding in before heading to work at noon, while others like to hit the library after their 9 p.m. class and work with no one else around. Find out what works best for you and then schedule your time accordingly. Aiming for a four-hour shift, a squash game and a finished assignment all in one day? You can do it if you make a plan for your day and stick to it.

2 Turn off the TV

Studying with your classmates while "Friends" is playing in the background and your roommate is on the phone may be OK when you have hours to spare. But working students don't have the luxury of time, so it's important to make every second of studying really count. Turn off the tube and focus when you're hitting the books. Your brain capacity — and your grades — will improve.

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3 Stay off Facebook

You can lose hours of study time trolling Facebook. When you have a job to get to by 3 p.m., that is not an option. Instead, allow yourself to take Facebook breaks. After finishing a couple paragraphs on your paper or in between chapters, check out that photo album from Saturday night. Having a reward coming (even if it is 10 minutes of creep time on the stalkerbook) will make you work faster.

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4 Make the most of your travel time

If you have a 20-minute commute on the city bus to get to your part-time job, bring some readings with you. Sure, 20 minutes isn't very long, but it's 20 minutes less of reading you'll have to finish later. Plus, your commute will go a lot faster.

5 Be realistic

You'd love the extra cash, but working 30-hour weeks while still attending class every day is going to be a little too much. Discuss with your boss the maximum number of hours you are able to work each week and give them a copy of your class schedule. Most student jobs are extremely accommodating of this and will encourage you to prioritize school.

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6 Learn to prioritize

Try making a list of everything you need to get done in your day in order of importance. This way, you can make sure you get around to all the things that absolutely need to be finished. It's tempting to clean your room, do the dishes and tackle everything on your list that requires the least amount of brainpower, but doing this will only stress you out later when you're stuck with all the difficult tasks at once.

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Major bummer

College. What to do if the college major you chose just doesn't work.

So your major isn't what you thought it'd be. Maybe the career opportunities you thought you'd have haven't panned out, or perhaps you've discovered a new interest. The majority of college students switch their majors at least once. Whether it's because the job prospects are bad or they discovered a new interest, trying a new major can be an opportunity to assess your interests, goals and options.

When an accounting firm didn't recruit Nick Guadagnolo last year, the then-aspiring auditor and senior-year accounting student enrolled in marketing classes in his final semester instead. "An accounting specialization was not what I wanted," he says. "I excelled at — and derived so much more pleasure from — the not-so-numerical aspects of the accounting degree."

Guadagnolo studied things like sports marketing, crisis management and operating a family business. This fall, he applied to law school and continues to work in HR. For Guadagnolo, there is credence to a plan of action that doesn't involve immediately jumping into the professional fray.

What should you do if you're interested in something else? It's easy to follow your friends, study what your parents tell you to or pursue a career based on how much it pays. But you have to deal with your career choices, Community Manager Stephanie Fusco says.

Stephanie studied politics and had hoped to go to law school from the time she was a teen. But as a college senior, she realized that she loved

What should you do if you're not sure?

If you're unsure about your interests or aspirations, choose an undecided major. According to the University of California, students who enter college with an undeclared major change their focus fewer times than students who declare their major. So when you do make a decision, you'll make it count.

strategy, speech writing and communications even more. She graduated and later pursued her passion by earning a post-graduate certificate in public relations.

"I knew I made the right choice when I found myself putting more effort into my [post-graduate certificate] application than I was putting into worrying about whether I'd get into law school," she says. "I'm sure I'm doing what I'm supposed to do and my career is on a path I'm very happy with."

Maybe there's an aspect of your major you love. It may take some reflection or experimentation to figure it out, but try to pursue a degree and a career in the aspect that interests you the most, Fusco adds.

Both Guadagnolo and Fusco say they regret stacking their schedules with too many career-specific classes. Instead, they wish they had studied a variety of subjects to get a wider perspective and discover their other interests earlier. **CHRISTINA PELLEGRINI**

Sometimes the major you started off with just doesn't end up being right. / GETTY IMAGES/FUSE

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Higher education. The buddy system

In 2009, the Michigan-based Fetzer Institute invited 26 university professors to their Kalamazoo campus with the lofty hopes of fostering "intergenerational mentoring" amongst college faculty.

After more than three years of discussions — and plenty of cross-disciplinary bonding — the group developed strategies for fostering better relationships, which led to a new guidebook for campuses that want to give it a try: "Transformative Conversations: A Guide to Mentoring Communities in Higher Education."

The process, "formation mentoring," is a detailed system that encourages professors to meet in small groups and support each other in becoming better teachers and learners.

"We want to take an interest in the whole person — not just our intellectual life, but[our moral life, our emotional life, our spiritual life.

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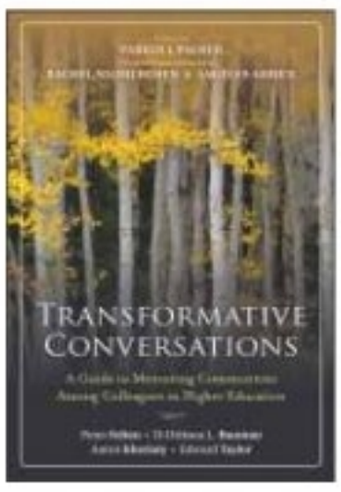
"Our primary focus is to give people a way to help make their professional lives better. We hope that by creating these groups, we will have an effect on the institution." Kheriaty



All of this is part of who we are, and wouldn't it be nice if there was a setting where we could bring that to the table?" says Aaron Kheriaty, one of four authors of the guidebook and a professor at University of California, Irvine. "We're trying to create a space to talk about our hopes, doubts and mistakes — all the things you usually don't put out there in a faculty meeting where everyone's got their peacock feathers flying." **BRUCE WALSH**

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Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Elizabeth Banks is remembering, Samantha Ronson is putting things in perspective, Harry Styles is in mourning and Patton Oswalt is anticipating stupidity.

@ElizabethBanks: RIP Margaret Thatcher. A role model for women & young girls across the world. Also, my high school Halloween costume.

@samantharonson: Regardless of her politics- I grew up believing that I could be anything I wanted to be, even Prime Minister- lucky 4 you all I didn't.

@Harry_Styles: RIP Baroness Thatcher .x

@pattonoswalt: "Karen Silkwood, Julia Child, and now Margaret Thatcher. The Streep Curse, man" – world's dumbest conspiracy theorist

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Jay-Z and Beyonce's Cuba trip

Jay-Z and Beyonce's anniversary trip to Cuba is raising eyebrows with a few Florida politicians. "We represent a community of many who have been deeply and personally harmed by the Castro regime's atrocities," Florida Representatives Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Mara Dias-Balart wrote in a letter to the Office of Foreign Assets Control. But late yesterday Reuters revealed that the U.S. Treasury Department licensed the trip as a "people-to-people" cultural visit. Does that mean Jay-Z went to recruit athletes for his sports agency? Maybe to borrow some beats? Or did he just want to use the best cigars on the planet to roll a blunt?

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip.

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'Yodelayheehoo!'

Duane Lee "Dog" Chapman looks like he's on the hunt for something in Beth Chapman's ample cleavage at the Country Music Awards on Sunday night in Las Vegas. If I'm ever on the lam, that's probably the first place I'd go to hide — plenty of leg room in there.

GREGG DEGUIRE/WIREIMAGE

Funicello dies at age 70

Before there was Britney, before Xtina, there was Annette Funicello, the queen of the original "Mickey Mouse Club." The former child star, who segued her "Mickey" stardom to the big screen in films such as "Beach Blanket Bingo," died on Monday in Bakersfield, Calif., due to complications from multiple sclerosis. She was 70. According to reports, Funicello had been in a coma for years; her family decided to take her off of life support.

Lohan is 'in a very dark place'

Lindsay Lohan infamously scheduled her upcoming 90-day rehab stint to start next month so that she can hit up the Coachella music festival starting this weekend, but at least one friend thinks she should skip it. "I fear for her life if she goes to the festival," Danish promoter Claus Hjelmbak tells Radar Online. "Lindsay is in a very dark place right now, and I'm absolutely scared for her life. Coachella is the last place she needs to be. For someone struggling with addiction, the amount of drugs and alcohol at Coachella is just a recipe for disaster." The music festival takes place over two weekends in the desert near Palm Springs. Right: Drugs, desert and Lindsay Lohan. What could possibly go wrong?

Barrymore on being a mom

Drew Barrymore is learning a lot now that she's a mom. "I know it seems like I do everything, but there's so much I had to give up. Things have to go, and that's unfortunate," she tells Us Weekly. "You know that you're going to miss out on your child's upbringing or you realize that your relationship is going to suffer if you work night and day and weekends. Unfortunately, I was raised in this, like, generation of like, 'Women can have it all,' and I don't think you can. I think some things fall off the table. The good news is, what does stay on the table becomes much more important."

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On wanting actors to surprise and fail

Film. Director Derek Cianfrance talks about getting sick of scripts.

"I'm nothing without actors," says director Derek Cianfrance, writer/director of "Blue Valentine" and the new "The Place Beyond the Pines." "Without actors, I'd be making Ansel Adams landscape movies. Actors are who we follow as audience members. To me actors are courageous where I'm cowardly."

Like "Blue Valentine," "The Place Beyond the Pines" stars Ryan Gosling, this time joined by Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendes and Ray Liotta. And again Cianfrance gives his actors center stage to strut in the Method style so beloved by actors.

"I ask my actors to do two things: surprise me and fail," Cianfrance says. "If they can do those two things, they can be successful in my movies. I always consider myself to be an audience member before a filmmaker. As I'm watching them on set, if they do something I didn't expect, I feel like the audience will feel the same way. I get so sick of the script sometimes. If they just do the script, I'm disappointed. I really want them to bring themselves to the table."

"I ask my actors to fail for me, to fall on their faces, to embarrass themselves," he adds. "Because I know if they just get rid of feeling bad about doing something, or feeling that it's wrong, they can do anything."

Failure is one of the subjects of his films. "I feel humans are humans because we're imperfect. That's what makes us special. That's what makes us unique. It's not our perfections. I've never met a hero. I've never met a villain. I don't know evildoers. I know people who are duplicitous. I try to make people who live in a gray area," he says.

Derek Cianfrance directed "The Place Beyond the Pines," in theaters now. / ATSUSHU NISHIJIM

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"I feel humans are humans because we're imperfect. That's what makes us special."
Cianfrance

Cooper, who plays a conflicted cop turned politician, wasn't someone Cianfrance thought of when casting. But he was immediately struck by him. "The image that came to my mind was a pot of boiling water with a lid on it," Cianfrance recalls. "There was some storm inside of him. There was something he was wrestling with, something unsettled. But on the outside he looks like Bradley Cooper."

The film's minimal but traumatic fits of brutality allowed Cianfrance to comment on screen violence. "I'm so sick of guns in movies," he says. "I have kids. I can't watch NFL football without turning off the commercials. I don't know when violence became so cinematic, became so cool." He thinks of his screen violence as different. "I wanted to tell a story with narrative violence, where violence affected the story and affected the viewer in a negative way."

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Dan Deacon offers instant gratification

Music. The composer is bringing his distinct sound to the Kimmel.

Say "hello" to electronic composer Dan Deacon. / SHAWN BRACKBILL

Before we enter Dan Deacon's show this Friday — which is sure to be auditory overload in the best possible way — we need to travel back to Oct. 9, 1971. It was on this day that computer programmer Ray Tomlinson sent the very first email, years before the birth of those ubiquitous CD-ROMs that promised hours of free AOL connection.

Tomlinson was working on the project SNDMSG, a program that enabled message-sharing on computers within the same network. He pushed the concept further, creating a way to share messages with computers on different networks. This was the beginning of email, and the inspiration for Dan Deacon's upcoming Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts performance at the Kimmel Center.

Tomlinson has says he doesn't remember what he wrote in his first test email — which is fitting. There's something about the thought of that first email, like the millions to follow, just floating around unremembered in Internet space. It feels like the type of thing Deacon could not only cling to, but create an elaborate show around.

As a musician, Deacon is known for his intricate compositions of electronic bleeps and bloops, drums and deeply inward rattlings. He's also known for his lively and unpredictable performances, which usually involve audience participation and the occasional dance-off.

It's difficult to imagine a more qualified instrumentalist to bridge the gap between the first email in 1971 to the instant message, instant gratification, instant-everything world of today. But it would be too easy for Deacon to stop there. With the assistance of an audience-controlled smartphone light show, the entire performance is designed to highlight the way we continue to thrust into the future, getting further and further from that first, lost email.

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Light it up

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Be a part of the light-show-within-a-show with the free mobile app, which lets you use your phone to synch up with the music while Deacon plays.

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Art. Take a bike tour of Philadelphia's outdoor sculptures.

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"The concept is so that people don't have to pay an entrance fee to see beautiful pieces of art, and instead can stroll along trails, take a bike ride and stop at sculptures scattered throughout our parks," says Diana Steif, the coalition's director of education and safety. "Viewing art shouldn't be limited by your finances or to the inside of a museum."

Beginning and ending at the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the 10-mile loop will take riders to about a dozen sculptures. First off is the Ellen Phillips Samuel Memorial Sculpture Garden, before heading into West Fairmount Park to check out Calder's Sundial.

This first ride is for the ladies only. But, guys, don't put away your helmets just yet. A second tour, to be held April 25, is for everyone.

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Audio tour

Public art

Museum Without Walls also offers an audio tour you can follow at your own pace. It includes 35 stops, 51 sculptures and 100 voices — including artists, educators, family and civic leaders — guiding the way. "Our community and beyond can now see and come to understand public art in a new way, and I think that's important," says Caitlin Martin of the Association for Public Art.

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‘Screw Everyone’ — with pen firmly in hand, of course

Books. Ophira Eisenberg’s rollicking new memoir details how jumping from one guy to another helped her say “yes” to marriage.

Ophira Eisenberg is a stand-up comedian, writer and host of NPR’s new weekly trivia show, “Ask Me Another.” But she is also quite the expert in sleeping around. Or she was — until she met “the one.” Being on the prowl? Just practice for monogamy. “I think it’s my large sample size and many experiences that led me to the right guy,” she says in her new memoir, “Screw Everyone.”

What does NPR think about an employee writing a book about sleeping around?
I’m certain almost everyone at NPR has had sex, so they are OK with it. Almost everyone.

Your story has a happy ending — a nice marriage — but do you have any regrets from your stay in Trollop-ville?
Nope. In hindsight I’m glad I let myself go for it. I think it’s my large sample size and many experiences that led me to the right guy. I think everyone looks back and wishes they could have treated themselves or a situation a bit better. I couldn’t always laugh at myself then. Thank God I can laugh at myself now.

Quoted

“I think everyone looks back and wishes they could have treated themselves or a situation a bit better. I couldn’t always laugh at myself then.” Eisenberg

Why are so many comedians terrible in the sack? Not that we’re asking from experience or anything.
Of course — it’s a friend of a friend who wants to know, right? I’m a comedian and from what I’ve heard, I’m pretty decent — at least from the comment cards I’ve received. But if I had to take a guess, it’s because they’re going for the laugh. My advice is that if you don’t like what’s going in the sack, feel free to heckle.

If there is one thing you could tell 20-year-old Ophira, what would it be?
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TV watch list

The cul-de-sac gang waves goodbye to the fourth season of "Cougar Town" tonight. / RICHARD CARTWRIGHT, ABC

REALITY

'Ready For Love'

Fill the "Bachelor"-shaped void in your heart with this new matchmaking series in which three guys compete to be set up with one of 36 bachelorettes. Or tune in just to see hosts Giuliana and Bill Rancic emerge from their normal E! watering hole.

SERIES PREMIERE, 9 P.M., NBC

COMEDY

'Cougar Town'

Season 4 concludes with an hour-long finale that finds the cul-de-sac gang taking Chick to Hollywood to fulfill his dream of meeting Tippi Hedren after discovering he has health issues. Tears will probably be shed and wine will definitely be poured.

SEASON FINALE, 10 P.M., TBS

REALITY

'The Kandi Factory'

Kandi Burruss heads up yet another "Real Housewives" spin-off as she mentors 16 aspiring musicians. This is a surprisingly good fit for Burruss, who co-wrote such megahits as "No Scrubs," "Bills, Bills, Bills" and, of course, "Tardy for the Party."

SERIES PREMIERE, 10 P.M., BRAVO

TALK SHOW

'Late Show with David Letterman'

Any chance you have to catch a sober Lindsay Lohan in action is a can't-miss opportunity. Assuming she actually shows up, this could be your last glimpse before the unhinged actress heads to rehab for 90 days.

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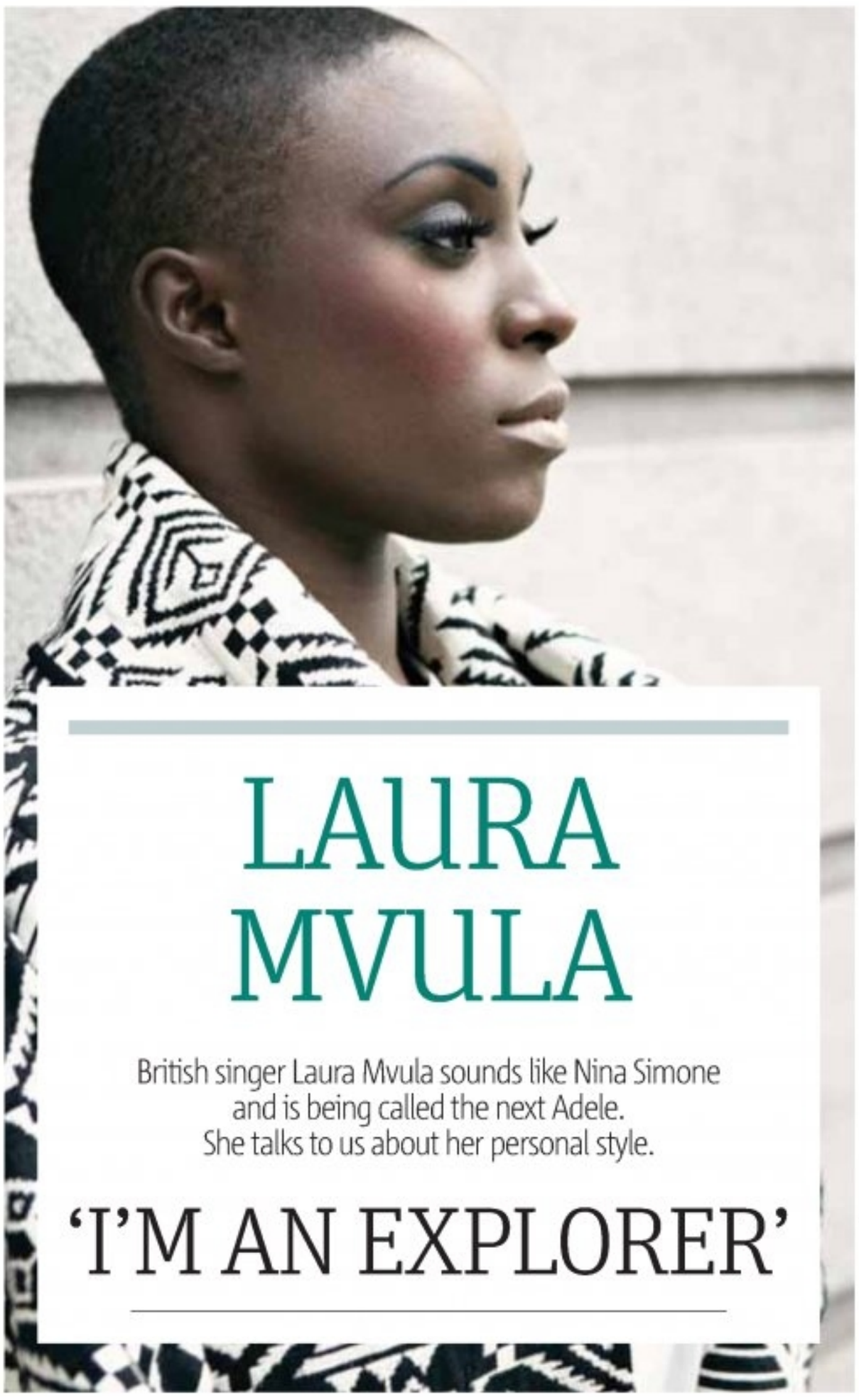

LAURA MVULA

British singer Laura Mvula sounds like Nina Simone and is being called the next Adele. She talks to us about her personal style.

'I'M AN EXPLORER'

Laura Mvula's anthemic single, "That's Alright," is a declaration against all of the unrealistic beauty standards promoted in magazines that make women second-guess themselves: "I will never be what you want, and that's alright. Cause my skin ain't light and my body ain't tight. And that's alright." So it's not surprising that the Brit, who is often described as this generation's answer to Nina Simone, would be equally secure in her personal style. As she prepares to go on tour for her new album, "Sing to the Moon," she opens up about her natural hair, crush on Vivienne Westwood and weakness for big heels.

On styling around her natural hair

"My hair is very short, so it's important for me to feel soft and feminine. I like to think I'm a warm person. I like to soften my image as much as possible so that my short hair isn't overly strong or intimidating."

Figuring out her look

"I'm an explorer. My dad used to say that I was always the kid in the wardrobe trying on ridiculous pieces together and thinking somehow that they would work. I think a lot about my style and my image, which is really important to me, even though I do feel like a baby when it comes to fashion. I still feel very much at the beginning of it all."

Q&A

Her ultimate fashion fantasy

"I dream about Vivienne Westwood. When I was getting married, I spent a lot of time dreaming about her dresses. But to have this kind of [professional] opportunity makes [her clothes] more attainable. I've worn some of her pieces before. They're so elegant, pretty and feminine."

Her stage persona versus her off-duty one

"I think the two go alongside each other. Even things like being practical, which isn't my strongest point as a person. Sometimes I'm standing at a keyboard, and I want to wear my big heels. I love my big heels. But even though I might have a specific image and vision in my head. It also has to be comfortable for me to wear. I think what I wear will change as I work with bigger ensembles. At the moment simplicity is really important to me. I want to come off the stage feeling comfortable, like I've been able to move and not think about this wrap falling off my head or the length of my skirt."

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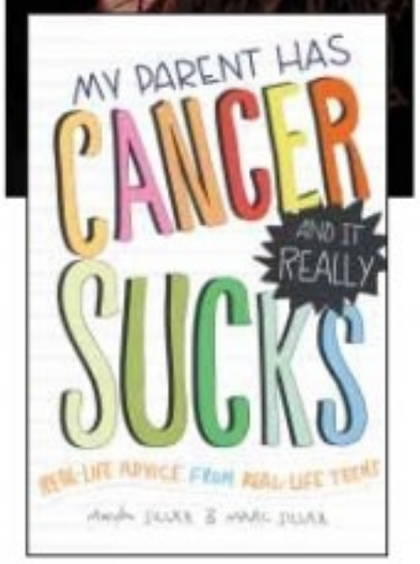
A new book goes straight to the source for advice — other teens.

HELP FOR WHEN MOM OR DAD IS SICK



When Maya Silver was grappling with her mother's breast cancer, she noticed that there weren't many resources available for teens dealing with a sick parent. So she created her own, with the help of her dad, Marc, the author of "Breast Cancer Husbands." We asked the authors of "My Parent Has Cancer and It Really Sucks" about their new advice guide.

You interviewed many teens for this book. Were there any recurring topics?
Maya: Communication. We had a lot of teens say that their parents didn't tell them right away or withheld information. That really made the teens feel betrayed. Communication is gonna vary from family to family, but it has to be there.
Marc: Some families have family meetings, and that's fine, but some families don't like meetings. Maybe your family works better just chatting in the car. Maybe leave a notebook where everybody goes, and the kids write their questions and the parents write their answers.

We often try to lend support by saying, "If you need anything, let me know." But Maya, what are some concrete words or actions that you really appreciated?
Maya: Just understanding. If I didn't want to have any friends over to the house when my mom was really sick, or if I just wanted to get away and stay busy, I had people there to help me do that.

What do teens find not helpful?
Marc: One girl [we interviewed], Caitlin, raised her hand to answer a question at school. And the teacher goes, "Oh, Caitlin, how's your mom?" And Caitlin was so mad because she did not want have to think about her mom at that moment. Kids don't want to be constantly reminded.
Maya: Another thing is an artificial sense of compassion. You tell someone that your mom has a serious form of breast cancer and they're like, "Oh, my grandma's sick too." You want to be like, "You have no idea."

Did the expert advice you received match up with that of the teens?
Marc: They emphasized that every kid's gonna react differently, and that's OK. The other thing that one expert talked about was this phrase "the tyranny of positive thinking." We live in a society where everybody wants you to be upbeat all the time, [but] people aren't like that. It's perfectly normal to be upset.

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♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. Don't allow size, circumstances or people to intimidate you. A positive attitude could work wonders at this time, especially when the stakes are high.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. New life can be breathed into an enterprise that you were going to toss onto the scrap heap.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Allow yourself to tune into some fortuitous currents. Circumstances are shifting in your favor.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Something quite fortunate could be escaping your notice. However, you'll shortly learn of it — and when you do, it'll make you very happy.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. There is a lucrative market for some special talent or knowledge that you possess.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Be aware and on top of developments, because a big opportunity could present itself through an unusual source.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Involve yourself with the type of people who can make things happen and substantial benefits are probable.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You're in a different kind of cycle that could produce some unusual but excellent results. Your ambitions now have good chances of being fulfilled.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Several close associates hold you in high esteem. These people want you to succeed.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Although you usually function best when you focus on one thing at a time, today could be an exception.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. An endeavor in which you're involved is now being managed by someone who isn't as capable as you are.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Over the coming months, you could be in one of the strongest financial trends you've seen. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

No upside to legal pot

If we legalize marijuana, it is because it is all about money. Marijuana is worse than cigarettes, and it contains chemicals called cannabinoids that affect the central nervous system and induce euphoria and anxiety. A long-term cannabis consumption WILL increase a person's risk of mental illness. If marijuana is used while driving, it is likely to cause a vehicle collision; in addition, people will abuse it. Many people will make money from it, but others will get in trouble.
ANDY BELLIZZI, VIA E-MAIL

Bikers need to follow the law

Re: "Driver puts bad spin on cycling" (Metro, April 8) In the '60s, we had a police officer come to our school to teach us bike safety. The first thing he said was that the only difference between bikes and cars is that a bike is a vehicle that does not have a motor, so all road rules must be obeyed. Today bikers do not stop for a red light, ride against traffic, weave directly in front of cars and ride on the sidewalks. Some do not wear helmets or have a bell or a mirror on their bike. Yet they do not get stopped or fined for this. When did the road rules change that only cars must obey them?
ROSE LA MAIDA, VIA E-MAIL

She's always watching

Dorothy Robinson's column used to be my favorite part of Metro, but now it is starting to annoy me. Why is her picture so big? It's really creeping me out. As I am typing this, I swear I can see her eyes watching me. VERONIQUE SIMILIEN, VIA E-MAIL

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5 Stir-fry pan
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12 Spicy stews
14 Dramatic intro (hyph.)
15 Farm newborn
16 Tall and lanky
17 Blissful spot
18 The chills
19 Front teeth
21 Use mouthwash
23 La Brea — pits
24 Avril follower
25 Tibetan ox
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30 Founder of sci-fi
32 Stargaze
33 4-wheeled carriage
36 Explorer— Tasman
37 Large book
38 Mortgage
40 Be forgetful (2 wds.)
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45 Santa — winds
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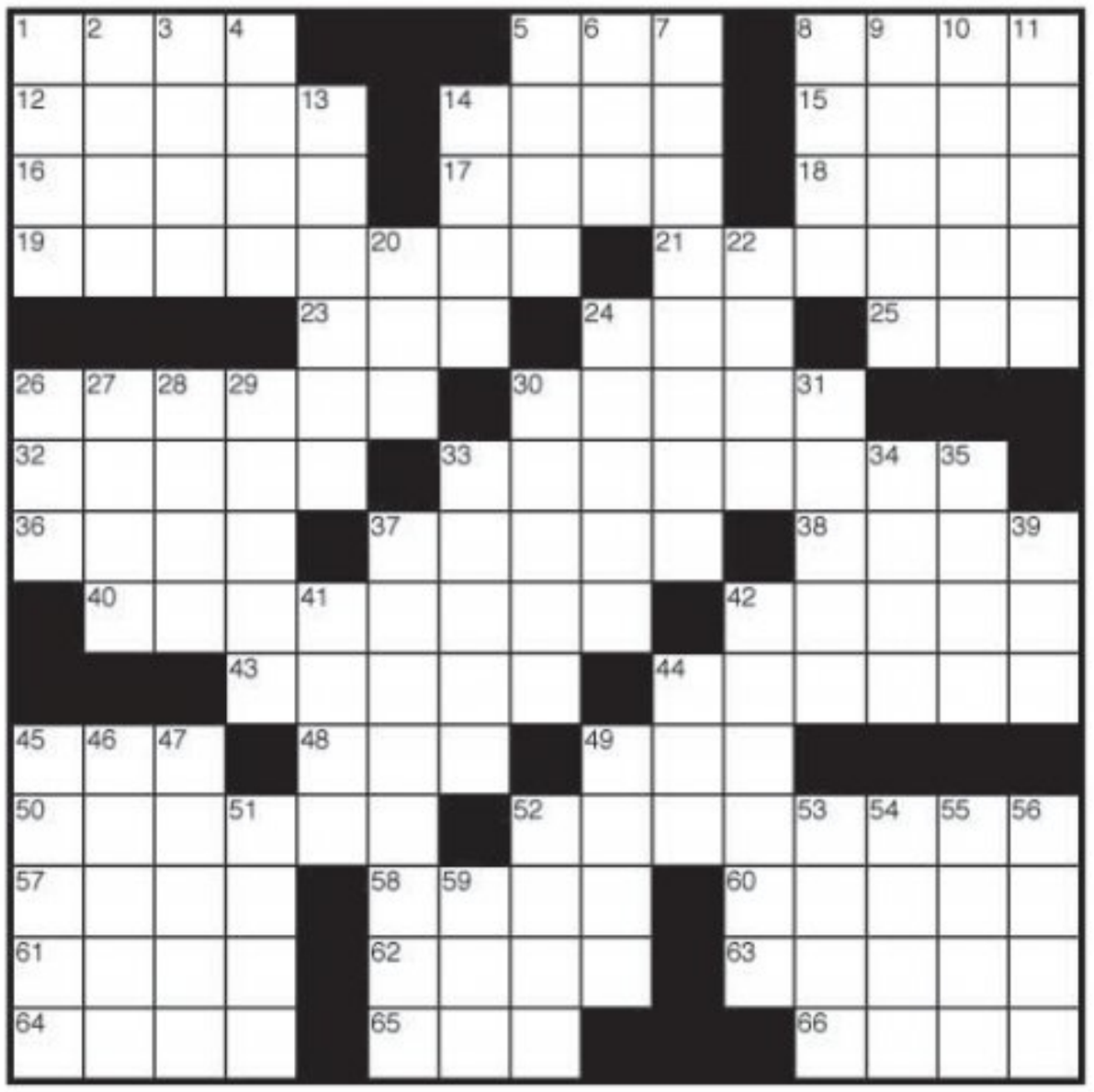

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Explore California's Orange County

Palm trees abound in Dana Point, Calif. / GEORGE ROSE/GETTY IMAGES

Destinations.
Where to get away from the LA smog to enjoy a sunny beach weekend.

There is more to the Los Angeles area than star tours and celebrity sightings. Located south of La La Land is The O.C. — Orange County. Whether you have one, two or three days to spend, the communities hugging the scenic Pacific Coast Highway have their own stories to tell.

Sweat and sand

It's easy to see why Huntington Beach is known as Surf City USA. Wet suit-clad pedestrians are as common a site as shopping bags and Starbucks coffee cups. A four-block radius located on the PCH and Main Street sets the scene for this city, but there are 8.5 miles of sand to play in.

Start your day with breakfast at Michelle's Sugar Shack Cafe (www.hbsugarshack.com) on Main Street, before heading to the International Surfing Museum (www.surfingmuseum.org). It opens according to surf time — that's 11 a.m. or noon, unless wave conditions are too good to ignore. If it's closed, you can still check out the names of those honored along the Surfing Walk of Fame at Main and the PCH.

Spend your afternoon playing beach volleyball or catching waves along the beach. Stroll along the historic Huntington Beach pier that juts into the Pacific. At its end is Ruby's Diner, a 1950s-inspired local restaurant chain. Before nightfall, stake out one of the fire pits located on the beach for an evening spent sitting on the sand and listening to the surf break on the shore (www.huntingtonbeachca.gov).

Shop and sip

Located south of Huntington along the PCH are tony Newport Beach and artsy Laguna Beach. While Fashion Island (www.shopfashionisland.com) is home to big brand stores, Laguna's downtown features a number of smaller shops, showcasing local artists and handcrafted goods, all set against a backdrop of green hills (www.lagunabeachinfo.com).

No afternoon is complete without sipping a cool cocktail at The Cliff (www.thecliffrestaurant.com). Offering a 180-degree view of the ocean, you can sit on the patio watch sunning locals on the beach below or scan the big blue for passing whales. You can also grab a treat at Gelato Paradiso (www.gelatoparadiso.net) in Peppertree Lane and take a stroll in Heisler Park located high on the bluffs above the Pacific.

The popular Las Brisas (www.lasbrisaslagunabeach.com), with its beckoning margaritas menu, offers a fusion of Californian and traditional Mexican cuisine, with fresh seafood offered each day.

Sea and sanctuary

At the southern end of the O.C., Dana Point is a nature-lovers paradise. Dana Wharf (www.danawharf.com) has a fleet of 12 vessels that often encounter sea lions, whales and even the occasional mega-pod of a few thousand dolphins swimming and playing in the wake of boats.

Exhausted after a day at sea? Pamper yourself at The Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel (www.ritzcarlton.com/lagunaniguel). The hotel offers stunning coastal views. You can take them in while sipping wine on the 180blu patio — a perfect sunset spot — or enjoying a meal at Raya, with its Latin-inspired menu by chef Richard Sandoval.

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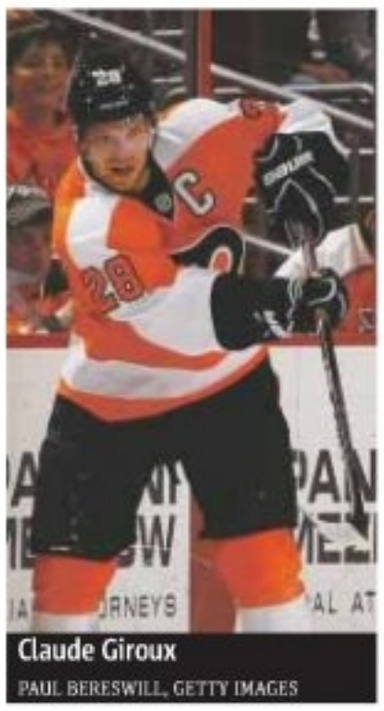
Flyers up against must-win game versus Islanders

NHL. The Flyers stand 12th in the conference and are running out of time to make the postseason.

The Flyers seem to be putting their season on the line on the Island tonight, knowing a loss in regulation would knock them seven points behind the Islanders — and at least five behind the Rangers — with just nine games to play. And while it seems like every time they step on the ice the stakes are high, common sense says it's true more now than before.



Claude Giroux
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Currently 12th in the Eastern Conference standings with 37 points after a seven-minute meltdown in Winnipeg turned a 1-0 lead into a 4-1 loss, Flyers coach Peter Laviolette's 17-18-3 club has a maximum gain of 20 points if it wins out.

Anything less than a regulation win tonight against the Isles, who haven't made the playoffs since 2007, will make their ultimate task that much tougher.

"There's a reason why they're in the playoff race," said captain Claude Giroux following yesterday's practice. "They've been playing well. Offensively they can score a lot of goals, so we're going to have to play disciplined defensively."

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3 SPORTS

No Flacco?

Unitas family unhappy

Joe Flacco's casting as iconic QB John Unitas in the upcoming film "Unitas We Stand" isn't going over well with Unitas' family. "If you want a quarterback, go with Peyton Manning," Unitas' son told USA Today. "My father was just like that. This is a joke."

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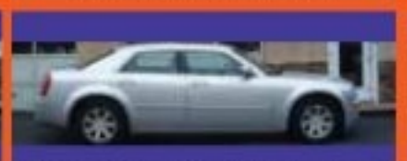
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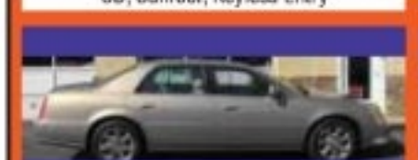
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Chris Wheeler just began his 37th season in the Phillies broadcast booth — 37 years of gushing propaganda delivered to a city that demands basic honesty. How is this possible? How has a shameless PR agent survived so long masquerading as an objective voice?

Those questions were especially relevant in the past few days, as yet another season of nauseating misinformation bellowed from the speakers of our televisions. It is no secret Wheeler is both a close friend to Phils president Dave Montgomery and a master office politician, but there must be a statute of limitations on this kind of fan abuse.

Make no mistake, this opinion represents a majority of fans who have endured Wheeler's insulting game analysis for decades — 78 percent, according to a poll conducted at WIP Radio this week. The complaints are all too familiar by now. He overanalyzes the action, he twists the truth and — above all — he is a lapdog for the organization.

Cataldi on Chris Wheeler

"Larry Anderson proves it is Wheeler's decision alone to deceive the viewers."

Already, there have been countless examples in the new season's first week of all these issues. In Wheeler's world, there is always a reasonable explanation for every Phillies mistake. No one ever just blows it. No one ever feels his wrath. Not one time, in 37 years.

When John Mayberry Jr. rolled a ball in from right field last Wednesday while trying to throw out a runner at the plate, Wheeler blamed the rain: "It's like a bar of soap out there." When Domonic Brown flailed at two pitches in the dirt with the bases loaded in the ninth inning Saturday, he just "got impatient."

What makes Wheeler's sugar-coated style even more maddening is its contrast to the work of radio counterpart Larry Anderson. Philadelphia has never had a color commentator more honest with his opinions than Anderson, who rips the umpires at every opportunity and generously spews venom at Phillies players when they fail. Anderson proves there is no policy against truth in the Phillies booth. He proves it is Wheeler's decision alone to deceive the viewers.

Thirty-seven years is a long time. Many Phillies fans can no longer remember — if they even heard — what it was like when Richie Ashburn was the primary TV analyst, offering a nightly banquet of witty asides and concise criticism next to silver-tongued partner Harry Kalas.

Isn't it time we all got a reprieve from the daily insult to our intelligence that Wheeler provides? Isn't it finally time for Wheeler to say goodbye?

— Angelo Cataldi is a Metro columnist and host of 94 WIP's morning show, which airs weekdays from 5:30-10 a.m.

Wheeler needs to stay outside the broadcast booth, as he is shown here, for good. / DREW HALLOWELL, GETTY IMAGES

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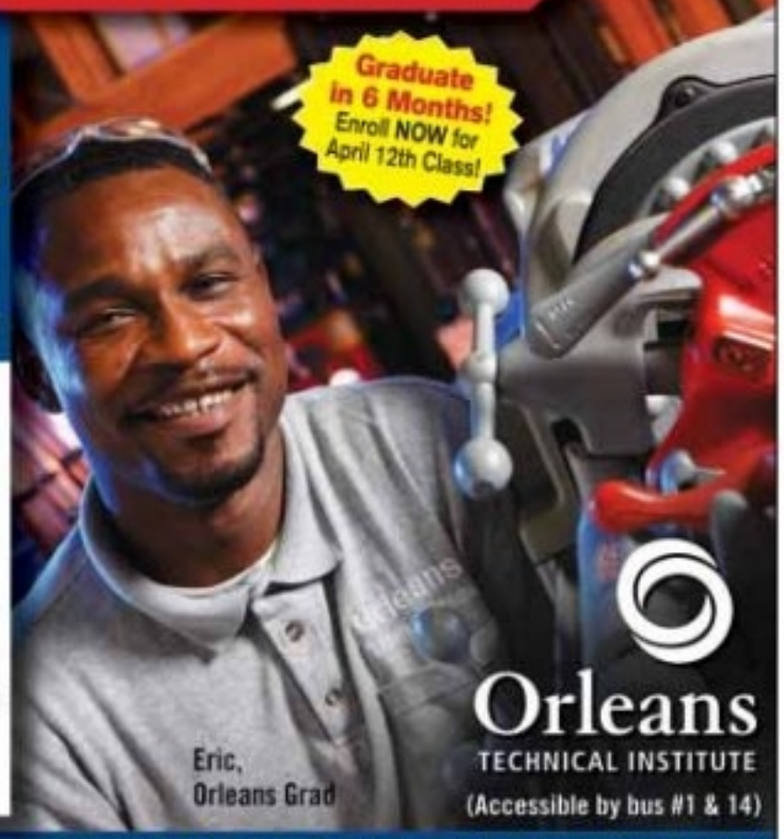

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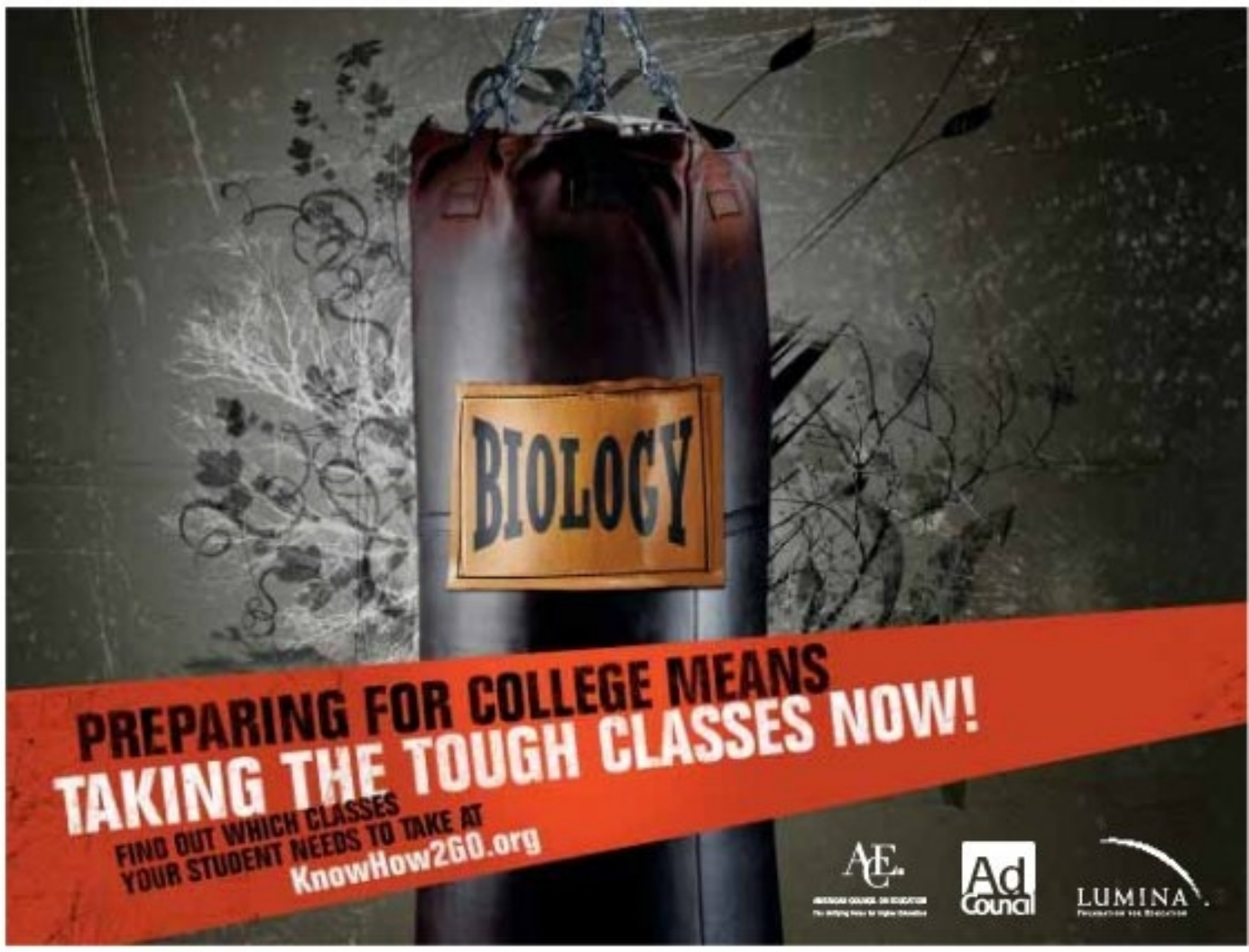

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